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California State Senate

SENATOR
SHEILA JAMES KUEHL
TWENTY-THIRD SENATE DISTRICT
CHAIR
NATURAL RESOURCES AND WATER COMMITTEE



May 9, 2006

Mr. Douglas Bosco, Chair
Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, Suite 1100
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Mr. Bosco:

I am writing in support of the application of Bay Access, Inc. for a Coastal Conservancy grant of \$50,000 for projects related to the development of the San Francisco Bay Water Trail. The funding will be used in part to develop and implement a prototype program of volunteer stewardship, in partnership with agencies that manage launch sites for non-motorized boats. The funding will also be used to develop outreach and communication tools and prototype signage for end users at selected sites.

Bay Access, Inc. is a five year old, all volunteer organization whose mission is to create a Water Trail in San Francisco Bay. The Water Trail will become an integral part of a region-wide trail system linking the waters of the Bay, its shoreline and its ridges. Over the past five years, and with the assistance of the National Park Service, Rivers and Trails Conservation Assistance Program, Bay Access has brought together end users, key agency personnel, members of the business community, environmentalists and legislators to develop a strategic plan for the Water Trail. This effort included sponsorship of the San Francisco Bay Water Trail Act of 2005, introduced by Assemblymember Hancock and signed into law by Governor Schwarzenegger.

As outlined in the legislation, the planning process for the Water Trail is currently under way at the Bay Conservation and Development Commission. The Coastal Conservancy will subsequently co-ordinate implementation of the plan. The activities of this grant application are part of Bay Access' focus to support the planning process at BCDC and also provide necessary ground work for implementation.

I enthusiastically support this work and urge approval of the Bay Access request for funding.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Sheila Kuehl".

Sheila James Kuehl
Senator, 23rd District

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OAKLAND, CALIF.

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Loni Hancock ASSEMBLYWOMAN, FOURTEENTH DISTRICT

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Mr. Douglas Bosco, Chair
Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, Suite 1100
Oakland, CA 94612

May 9, 2006

Dear Mr. Bosco:

As the sponsor of the legislation that created the San Francisco Bay Water Trail, I am writing in support of the application of Bay Access, Inc. for a Coastal Conservancy grant of \$50,000 for projects related to the development of the trail. The funding will be used in part to develop and implement a prototype program of volunteer stewardship, in partnership with agencies that manage launch sites for non-motorized boats. The funding will also be used to develop outreach and communication tools and prototype signage for end users at selected sites.

Bay Access, Inc. is a five year old, all volunteer organization with a mission to create a Water Trail in San Francisco Bay. The Water Trail will become an integral part of a region-wide trail system linking the waters of the Bay, its shoreline and its ridges. Over the past five years, and with the assistance of the National Park Service, Rivers and Trails Conservation Assistance Program, Bay Access has brought together end users, key agency personnel, members of the business community, environmentalists and legislators to develop a strategic plan for the Water Trail. This effort included sponsorship of the San Francisco Bay Water Trail Act of 2005, introduced by Assemblymember Hancock and signed into law by Governor Schwarzenegger.

Governor Schwarzenegger signed my bill last year which allowed the Bay Conservation and Development Commission to begin the planning process for the Water Trail. The Coastal Conservancy will subsequently co-ordinate implementation of the plan. The activities of this grant application are part of Bay Access' focus to support the planning process at BCDC and also provide necessary ground work for implementation.

I enthusiastically support this work and urge approval of the Bay Access request for funding.

Sincerely,

Loni Hancock
Assemblymember, 14th District

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Making San Francisco Bay Better

May 11, 2006

Douglas Bosco, Chair
Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, Suite 1100
Oakland, CA 94612

SUBJECT: San Francisco Bay Water Trail

Dear Mr. Bosco:

I am writing in support of an application to the Coastal Conservancy from Bay Access, Inc. for a \$50,000 grant that would advance goals of the San Francisco Bay water trail project. Specifically, the requested funding would be used to develop and implement—in partnership with the public agencies that manage launch sites for non-motorized boats—a prototype program of volunteer stewardship. To this end, the grant funds would also be used to develop outreach and communication tools and prototype signage at selected sites.

Bay Access, Inc. is a five-year-old volunteer organization that is working to create a San Francisco Bay water trail as part of a regionwide trail system linking the waters of the Bay, its shoreline and its ridges. With the assistance of the National Park Service, Rivers and Trails Conservation Assistance Program, Bay Access has brought together users, key public agency personnel, members of the business community, environmentalists and legislators to develop a strategic plan to advance their goals. This effort resulted in the introduction of AB 1296 by Assemblymember Loni Hancock and the enactment of that measure last year.

As required by AB 1296, our Commission, in coordination with the Coastal Conservancy, has undertaken a water trail planning process. The legislation also directs the Conservancy to co-ordinate implementation of the plan we develop. The activities Bay Access would carry out with the requested grant funds would support the planning process at BCDC and advance the early implementation of the San Francisco Bay water trail.

I fully support this work and, therefore, urge that the Conservancy approve the Bay Access request for funding.

Sincerely,

WILL TRAVIS
Executive Director

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May 16, 2006

Mr. Douglas Bosco, Chair
Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, Suite 1100
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Mr. Bosco:

I am writing in support of an application from Bay Access, Inc. to the Coastal Conservancy for a grant of \$50,000 to advance the San Francisco Bay Water Trail.

As the largest and oldest organization working exclusively to protect, restore and celebrate the San Francisco Bay and Delta, Save The Bay has a strong commitment to increasing public access. We strongly supported AB 1296 (Hancock) to establish the San Francisco Bay Area Water Trail, and we are a participating organization in the stakeholder group that is assisting BCDC and other agencies with the planning process for the trail.

We believe that Bay Access is well positioned to develop a volunteer stewardship program for key access points to the water trail, outreach and communication tools, and prototype signage for selected sites. Beginning this work now should allow more expeditious implementation of the Water Trail plan when it is completed in 2007. The proposed work is consistent with the Coastal Conservancy's mission of enhancing public access to San Francisco Bay.

Thank you for your consideration of the request from Bay Access.

Sincerely,



David Lewis
Executive Director

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Mr. Douglas Bosco, Chair
Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, Suite 1100
Oakland, CA 94612

May 11, 2006

Dear Mr. Bosco:


I am writing in support of the Bay Access, Inc. application to the Coastal Conservancy for a grant of \$50,000 for the San Francisco Bay Water Trail. The funding will be used to develop and implement, in partnership with agencies that manage launch sites for non-motorized boats, a prototype program of volunteer stewardship. To this end, grant monies will also be used to develop outreach and communication tools and prototype signage at selected sites.

Bay Access, Inc. is a five year old, all volunteer organization with a mission to create a Water Trail in San Francisco Bay and a vision of that Water Trail being an integral part of a region-wide trail system linking the waters of the Bay, its shoreline and its ridges. Over the past five years, and with the assistance of the National Park Service, Rivers and Trails Conservation Assistance Program, they have brought together end users, key agency personnel, members of the business community, environmentalists and legislators to develop a strategic plan for the Water Trail. This effort included drafting of AB 1296, The San Francisco Bay Water Trail Act, which was introduced to the legislature by Loni Hancock and signed into law in 2005.

The planning process that was directed by the legislation is currently under way at the Bay Conservation and Development Commission. The Coastal Conservancy is directed to subsequently co-ordinate implementation of the plan. The activities of the Bay Access grant application are part of a program at Bay Access that supports the planning process at BCDC and lays necessary ground work for implementation.

As the President of a well-established club of some 650 active sea kayakers who regularly use the environs encompassed in the envisioned Water Trail, I enthusiastically support this work and urge approval of the Bay Access request for funding.

Sincerely,


Ed Anderson
President, Bay Area Sea Kayakers

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